



**THE ASSOCIATED SCHOOLS
INC.
BY-LAWS**

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1) Introduction

The name of the incorporated association is "The Associated Schools Inc." (In these Rules called the "Association").

2) Code of Conduct

PREAMBLE:

The aim of The Associated Schools Inc. is "to promote and conduct various forms of inter-school activity, with a view to fostering a spirit of fellowship". It is acknowledged and accepted that each school has its own standards of conduct and that it is within the jurisdiction of our schools' Principals to ensure that those standards are maintained. Nevertheless, some commonly accepted norms of behaviour designated herein will be observed on a uniform basis throughout the Association.

In particular, as part of their involvement in TAS activities, Association Member schools have a responsibility to ensure that the Protocol and Ethos of the Association is maintained throughout.

In this regard, schools shall:

- wholeheartedly support the Association's Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and activities and do all things to promote and foster the Aims, Ethos and Protocol of the Association;
- refrain from directly approaching students from other TAS schools (poaching) or offering scholarships or other inducements to said students to change schools; (refer to policy #12 of Policy Manual)
 - **(Note that respondents to "open" advertisements or to generally advertised programmes of excellence are not restricted by this Clause).**
 - ensure that staff and coaches from Member schools are particularly sensitive in observing all proper protocols relating to this issue;
 - when a non-solicited transfer between TAS schools occurs, the Head of the new school shall, as a matter of courtesy, advise the Head of the previous school.

This Code is considered under the following headings:

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| (1) General Behaviour | (2) Behaviour and Example of Coaches |
| (3) Standards required by Referees | (4) Conduct and Sanction of Players |
| (5) Conduct of Spectators | (6) Dress |
| (7) Sport Specific Considerations | |

General Behaviour

- 1.1. Healthy, vigorous exercise, scrupulous regard for the spirit of the Rules of the game, a willingness to submit to disciplined training, and the cultivation of a generous sportsmanship are the goals of TAS sports.
- 1.2. The Host School has the right to expect that both visitors and members of its own community will adhere to its own particular customs and practices.
- 1.3. The competition table is not to be regarded as the sole reason for competing.
- 1.4. Schools should ensure that players compete in their correct age group and that they adhere to the General Competition Rules and By-Laws for the various sports.

- 1.5. Racial/sexual/religious abuse or any other form of harassment will, under no circumstances, be tolerated by TAS. Players should be given no more than one warning before being sent off and reported to the school. Spectators likewise should be reported and asked to leave the sideline if guilty of racial/sexual/religious abuse.

Behaviour and Example of Coaches

- 2.1. Under no circumstances is there to be deliberate bending of the General Competition Rules and By-Laws for the various sports. Coaches, Coordinators and Directors of Sport are expected to abide by the "spirit" as well as the "letter of the law".
- 2.2. Coaches should encourage teams and/or individual players to be punctual in coming onto the field or reporting to the designated officials both before and during matches.
- 2.3. Coaching from inside the playing arena by anyone is not allowed.
- 2.4. Coaches must accept the decisions of referees and umpires. This does not preclude rational clarification of decisions at a subsequent time.
- 2.5. The following are banned :
 - 2.5.1. time-wasting and time-wasting actions;
 - 2.5.2. unsportsmanlike behaviour;
 - 2.5.3. over-vigorous play;
 - 2.5.4. deliberate coaching in illegal tactics;
 - 2.5.5. sledging;
 - 2.5.6. dissention;
 - 2.5.7. foul language;
 - 2.5.8. foul play.

Standards Required of Referees

- 3.1. As an Association we demand a certain standard of behaviour and dress from our players; similar standards are expected of referees and umpires.
- 3.2. Appropriate signals for the conduct of the sport should be adhered to; clear signalling is beneficial to the game.
- 3.3. It is expected that referees and umpires should meet the required standards of qualifications in order to officiate.
- 3.4. The criteria for appointment of referees and umpires as laid down in the various By-Laws should be adhered to.

Conduct and Sanction of Players

- 4.1. A high standard of conduct is expected at all times, both on and off the field.
- 4.2. Each and every player should be an example of what a sportsman should be, including an appreciation of good play and an acceptance of the mistakes made by fellow players.
- 4.3. The game should be played hard but never unfairly.
- 4.4. Ill-temper or spite should never be shown; assistance for opponents when it appears desirable should be given.
- 4.5. The meeting of the opposing coach and captain by opposite numbers is to be commended.

- 4.6. Congratulations, thanks or cheers appropriate to the game, by the captain and/or players is to be encouraged.
- 4.7. The orders or instructions of the umpire, referee or designated official should be obeyed quickly, and any decisions, however unfavourable, should be accepted without question.
- 4.8. The use of drugs, including pain-killers, to improve or maintain the performance of any individual player or group of players is strictly forbidden.
- 4.9. Player Sanctions
 - 4.9.1. In all instances where a player is dismissed or excluded from play for foul play or play deemed dismissible by the officiating crew of their game, they will incur a minimum one week suspension from that TAS sport. (It is important to note that a bye does not constitute a week of TAS sport.) Schools may impose longer sanctions if they deem it appropriate.

Conduct of Spectators

- 5.1. Good play, by either side, should be acknowledged by spectators in the appropriate manner. This can encourage players and help them to lift their game as the match or contest progresses.
 - 5.1.1. Unwise or fanatical barracking can make a player perform foolish actions in their play, or incite them to foul play, which is not to be condoned.
- 5.2. The Principal, or their representative, has the legal right to remove any person or persons who do not conform to the acceptable standards of behaviour as set by his/her school.
- 5.3. Consumption of alcohol by spectators during the conduct of a match or contest is not permitted.
- 5.4. Referees or umpires are not to be approached by spectators at any time before, during or after a match.
- 5.5. While cheering and supporting one's own team is recognised as part of the conduct of the game, and provided this barracking is within the requirements of the By-Laws (with respect to Athletics and Swimming), it is to be encouraged; "anti-barracking" is banned.
- 5.6. While the Host School should make every endeavour to provide for the disposal of rubbish, all spectators should make every effort not to litter any parts of the playing fields and/or grounds.

Dress

- 6.1. Referees, umpires, officials and players are to be correctly attired according to the needs of the particular sport.
- 6.2. Dress (especially footwear) of all participants should be clean and tidy, respectable, and not torn.
- 6.3. The By-Laws for the various sports, with respect to dress are to be observed by players. In addition the following points are to be noted:
- 6.4. it is recommended that correct boots be worn for turf wicket matches;
- 6.5. correct headwear should be worn for cricket;
- 6.6. appropriate sponsorship shall be permitted on sporting uniforms.

Sport Specific Considerations

As a consequence of the foregoing, the following points should be given close attention.

7.1. **APPLICABLE TO ALL SPORTS**

- 7.1.1. The Host School is to ensure that the field, court or pitch is ready for play, especially during inclement weather.
- 7.1.2. Only authorized persons should stand inside the playing areas as defined by the Host School.

7.2. ATHLETICS AND CROSS COUNTRY

The following practices are prohibited:

- 7.2.1. **Sprints:** Deliberately delaying getting "set" after the "on your marks" in order to hold all competitors.
 - 7.2.1.1. Making sound and/or movements at the "set" to cause a false start.
 - 7.2.1.2. Getting a "fly" before the gun (although it is difficult to do this on purpose).
- 7.2.2. **Distance:** Cutting-in in front of another athlete when there is insufficient clearance.
 - 7.2.2.1. Pushing, holding or jostling your opponent.
 - 7.2.2.2. Being given personal times by a person other than the official time caller.
 - 7.2.2.3. Talking to an opponent during a race.
- 7.2.3. **Field Events:** Receiving coaching while the event is in progress.
 - 7.2.3.1. Talking during the event to distract an opponent.

7.3. BASKETBALL

The following practices are prohibited:

- 7.3.1. Deliberately "fouling off" an opponent.
- 7.3.2. Unsportsmanlike applauding of the player "fouled off".
- 7.3.3. Getting one of the substitutes to go on court continually to use illegal tactics against a high scoring opponent.
- 7.3.4. More than one team official at any time approaching the score bench.
- 7.3.5. Taking time-outs in the last minutes of games by a team with an unassailable winning margin should be for tactical reasons only. If such a time-out is called for the purpose of substitutions, time-in should be called immediately. "In your face" time-outs are not acceptable behaviour.
- 7.3.6. Direct, hostile or negative comments towards opposition coaches or players are unacceptable. Furthermore, references made to "bait" opposition players or coaches are also unacceptable.
- 7.3.7. Constantly beseeching referees to make favourable calls on every play.
- 7.3.8. Coaches making indirect comments toward referees that allocate blame or incompetence i.e. "Don't worry Michael, you never touched him."
- 7.3.9. Coaches to enlist or incite the crowd against the referees.

7.4. CRICKET

- 7.4.1. Players must not make loud or repetitive appeals in order to influence the umpire's decision.

7.4.2. Players and team officials must not react in an obviously provocative or disapproving manner towards an umpire, his/her decision or generally following an umpiring decision.

7.4.3. Players and team officials must not dispute an umpire's decision, as distinct from a rational clarification of that decision at a subsequent time.

7.4.4. Players and team officials must treat umpires with respect and an element of reverence. Over familiarity between umpires and officials/players is not acceptable.

7.4.5. Players and team officials must not assault or attempt to assault (either verbally or physically) an umpire or another player.

7.4.6. Players may encourage their own team members during the course of a match, but may not engage in continual and excessive rowdy behaviour in an attempt to distract the opposition players, i.e. batsmen, fieldsmen.

7.4.7. Players or team officials may not make comments or use gestures with a view to intimidate or influence the performance of an opposition player, i.e. "sledge" a player, eg:

7.4.7.1. talking at batsmen

7.4.7.2. deliberate bumping of batsman at bowlers end or while crossing

7.4.7.3. clapping every ball

7.4.7.4. talking in the slips and "silly" positions during bowlers approach or delivery

7.4.7.5. batsman to bowler/fieldsmen

7.4.7.6. sideline players talking to fieldsmen/bowler

7.4.7.7. Players and team officials may not use crude and/or abusive language, use gestures or well known crude or abusive hand signals in the course of the match regardless of whether or not it is directed at another player, official or umpire.

1.4.7.7.1. A player or official so acting shall be reported to the Principal of their school.

7.4.8. Players and team officials must not deliberately waste time: Such as in the situations below...

7.4.8.1. slow change overs between overs

7.4.8.2. slowing the over rate (dawdling by bowler)

7.4.8.3. batsmen changing slowly at fall of wickets

7.4.8.4. bowling off the wicket

7.4.8.5. delays in field setting

7.4.8.6. mid-wicket "conferences" between batsmen

7.4.8.7. excessive movement away from crease without cause as bowler comes in to bowl

7.4.8.8. wet weather procedures (covers)

- 7.4.9. Specific instructions, from the sidelines, by coaches or anyone associated with the competing teams are not permissible. However, instructions of a general nature are allowable;
- 7.4.9.1. "Pick up the fielding" ALLOWED
- 7.4.9.2. "Put a man at mid-on" NOT ALLOWED
- 7.4.10. Players and team officials must not indulge in unsportsmanlike behaviour detrimental to the spirit of the game.
- 7.4.11. Any infringements of the Code should be discussed with the relevant parties immediately after the game and serious or repeated infringements should be brought to the notice of participating school Directors of Sport.

7.5. FOOTBALL (SOCCER)

The following practices are prohibited:

- 7.5.1. niggling minor illegalities behind play;
- 7.5.2. unnecessary talk and goading behaviour;
- 7.5.3. kicking the ball away after a free kick has been awarded;
- 7.5.4. standing over the ball to stop a team from taking a quick free kick;
- 7.5.5. claiming a throw-in, corner or goal kick knowing that it is the other team's ball;
- 7.5.6. deliberate time wasting by kicking the ball well out of play;
- 7.5.7. taking an exceptionally long time to retrieve the ball;
- 7.5.8. feigning injury or "diving" to receive a penalty;
- 7.5.9. failing to apologise for a clumsy tackle;
- 7.5.10. body language which demonstrates disagreement with the referee's decision.
- 7.5.11. Note: Before and after the game teams should shake hands and the referee should be thanked at the conclusion of the match.

7.6. HOCKEY

The following practices are prohibited:

- 7.6.1. Unnecessary talk or goading behaviour.
- 7.6.2. Body language, which demonstrates disagreement with the referee.
- 7.6.3. Claiming a penalty stroke, corner or free hit, knowing that it is the other team's ball.
- 7.6.4. Taking an exceptionally long time to retrieve the ball.
- 7.6.5. Hitting the ball away after a penalty/free hit has been awarded.
- 7.6.6. Deliberate time wasting by hitting the ball well out of play.
- 7.6.7. Failing to recognise a dangerous tackle.
- 7.6.8. Hitting, hooking, holding, striking at or interfering with another player's stick, clothing or person.
- 7.6.9. Deliberately raising a ball from a hit other than a shot at goal.

7.7. NETBALL

The following practices are prohibited:

- 7.7.1. Defenders talking to the shooter while shooting.

- 7.7.2. Taking an exceptionally long time to retrieve the ball.
- 7.7.3. Throwing/rolling the ball away after a penalty/free pass.
- 7.7.4. Teams not taking the court immediately at the conclusion of an interval.

7.8. RUGBY

- 7.8.1. Under no circumstances is there to be deliberate bending of the Laws of the game of Rugby.
- 7.8.2. Players must not question the referee's decision. Only the team captain or coach may seek clarification of decisions.
- 7.8.3. Players must control their tempers at all times and must not "mouth off" or use body language that demonstrates disagreement or disrespect to a referee or other official.
- 7.8.4. Players must not ridicule, goad, interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of any player, nor feign injury to gain an unfair advantage.
- 7.8.5. A player should exhibit good sportsmanship and enthusiasm for the game at all times, in particular by:
 - 7.8.5.1. working hard for himself and his team mates;
 - 7.8.5.2. applauding good play by both teams;
 - 7.8.5.3. shaking hands before and after the game; and
 - 7.8.5.4. thanking the referee at the end of the match.

7.9. SWIMMING

- 7.9.1. Deliberate time wasting at the start of races.

7.10. TENNIS

The following practices are prohibited:

- 7.10.1. Displaying bad sportsmanship, eg racquet throwing, hitting balls wildly about the court, having verbal confrontations with opponents.
- 7.10.2. Disputing the decisions of umpires (who are generally players from your team or your opponents team).
- 7.10.3. Employing gamesmanship, eg deliberately returning the first serve even though it was clearly a fault, dawdling about the court, moving excessively to distract the server.
- 7.10.4. Lack of concentration when umpiring or scoring.

7.11. VOLLEYBALL

The following are prohibited.

- 7.11.1. Unsportsmanlike behaviour on court, in particular:
 - 7.11.1.1. dissenting with the referee's decision;
 - 7.11.1.2. questioning the referee's decision (only the on-court captain may talk to the referee);
 - 7.11.1.3. intimidating an opponent by word or physical action;
 - 7.11.1.4. "talking across the net" to opposition players.
 - 7.11.1.5. offensive behaviour:

- 7.11.1.6. using foul language
- 7.11.1.7. using rude or insulting gestures to referees, opposition players, coaches or spectators.
- 7.11.2. The use of physical aggression against an opponent is strictly forbidden.

3) Rules of Competition

3.1 The TAS Competition Structure will comprise the following

3.1.1. The Associated Schools will run two competitions.

- 3.1.1.1. From 2014 the TAS competition will consist of 9 schools.
- 3.1.1.2. From 2016 the Greater Brisbane Conference will consist of 5 member schools.
- 3.1.1.3. After TAS schools meet their team obligations, any additional sporting teams can be fielded in the Greater Brisbane Conference competition.
 - 1.1.1.3.1. Additional teams may be made up of students from two adjacent year levels.
 - 1.1.1.3.2. Additional teams will play in TAS Supplementary competitions.

3.1.2. The sports played in The Associated Schools' competitions are open to change as a number of sports not presently played by TAS were flagged as being popular.

3.1.3. TAS sport will be played in Trimesters.

- 3.1.3.1. TAS schools have agreed to use the PMSA school holiday dates so that holidays can be aligned and the Association has agreed to use 9-11 week seasons.

3.1.4. Open teams will be called 1sts and 2nds

3.2 Criteria for participation in TAS

3.2.1 The following criteria must be reached for ANY school to participate in T A S Competition. Schools will be asked to show cause why they should not be removed from the competition if they do not follow these By-Laws.

- 3.2.1.1. All teams outlined in the By-Laws must be fielded by all schools.
 - 3.2.1.1.1. Fielding a team requires 75% participation. ie: 6 games of a potential 8 match season must be played.
 - 3.2.1.1.2. Schools missing teams from the graduating class of 2019 (ie: yr9 in 2016) are exempt from 3.2.1.1.
- 3.2.1.2. Schools not fielding all teams outlined in the By-Laws will receive until the end of the following calendar year to ensure they comply with By-Law 3.2.1.1.
- 3.2.1.3. All schools will follow the Code of Conduct as set out in these By-Laws.
- 3.2.1.4. All schools will adhere to the By-Laws of the Association particularly as they pertain to safety regulations for all sports.
- 3.2.1.5. All schools will ensure their selection policies meet the guidelines set out in the Association By-Laws.

3.3 Year Level Competition.

3.3.1: All team sport competitions run by The Associated Schools on a weekly basis, will be conducted as a Year-Level competition, with a maximum 2 year age window for years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

- 3.3.1.1: The 2 year window requires Year 7 students not to be older than 13 on the 1st January, Year 8 students not to be older than 14 at the 1st Jan in

the year of competition. Year 9 students must not be older than 15 and Year 10 students not older than 16 at the 1st Jan in the year of competition.

- 3.3.1.2: Carnival sports shall continue to be conducted in age groups in accordance with regional competition.
 - 3.3.1.3: Students in years 7-12 shall not be permitted to compete in JTAS sport, regardless of age.
 - 3.3.1.4: Junior School students who compete in a particular TAS sport are not eligible for Junior TAS selection in that same sport. Similarly, students who compete in a particular Junior TAS sport are not eligible for TAS selection in that same sport.
- 3.3.2:** An exemption to this rule exists in cricket whereby year 7,8,9 will make up three Intermediate teams and years 10,11,12 will make up 3 Open teams.
- 3.3.3:** Greater Brisbane Conference competitions will have teams from Senior (yrs 11,12), Intermediate (yrs 9,10) and Junior (yrs 7,8) age groups.

3.4 *Team Selection.*

- 3.4.1:** All teams will be listed on a team sheet. Students involved in TAS competition will be selected and listed on the team sheets according to the regulations set out by the Association and in line with these guidelines.
- 3.4.1.1: Each student's age shall be taken as at 00.01 a.m. on January 1st in the year of competition (i.e., born 2nd January 1995 = Under 15 in 2010).
 - 3.4.1.2: For all sports, no student shall be 19 years or older at 00.01 a.m. on January 1st to be eligible for TAS sport in that year.
 - 3.4.1.3: In addition, for Rugby, no student shall be 18 years or older at 00.01 a.m. on January 1st to be eligible for TAS matches in that year.
 - 3.4.1.4: Schools shall select all higher-grade teams before selecting lower grade teams, whether or not the higher grades compete on a particular day.
 - 3.4.1.5: No student shall play in more than one team (excluding teams of different sports, providing that player does not take the place of another student wanting to play) on the same day unless, as a reserve, he/she replaces an injured (or absent) player in a ***higher age or grade***.
 - 3.4.1.6: Where schools require students to play in more than one team of the same sport, they ***must*** gain approval from the opposing school's coordinator of sport. This approval will be indicated in writing, such as by signing the team sheet allowing the students to take part.
 - 3.4.1.7: It is important to note that schools risk forfeiting points if students are selected in more than one team and the team sheets are not signed or some form of written confirmation is not at hand prior to matches taking place.

3.4.1.8: No student shall play in a lower age or grade team when he/she has been selected and/or played for a higher age or grade team in the same round of competition.

3.4.1.9: Girls should not play in sports organised for boys just as boys should not play in sports organised for girls. The question of girls playing in boys' sports should be addressed through the Executive Officer.

3.5 Junior TAS Participation.

3.5.1: The Associated Schools shall provide regular Inter-School sporting competition for Grades 3-6 of Primary Sections of Association Member and guest schools. All Junior TAS competition shall be that of **skill development** and **participation** conducted in an atmosphere of **good sportsmanship** and **fair play**.

3.5.2: COMPETITION:

3.5.2.1: Weekly Saturday competition shall be programmed to occur in the following sports: **AFL, Cricket, Hockey, Rugby, Netball, Tennis, Touch, Soccer** and **Basketball**.

3.5.2.3: Carnivals shall be conducted in the following sports: **Swimming, Cross Country** and **Athletics**.

3.5.2.4: Rules of various sports may be modified for all levels of competition to ensure a development towards TAS competition in Secondary school.

3.5.3: PREMIERSHIPS

3.5.3.1: Premierships shall **not** be awarded for Saturday team sports or for any cultural activities.

3.5.3.2: Carnivals shall recognize placegetters with Ribbons and winning schools with the awarding of Trophies as in TAS carnival competitions.

3.5.4: AGE GROUP/YEAR LEVELS

3.5.4.1: Junior TAS shall cater for years 3-6 and TAS shall provide competition for Years 7-12 (Open) Age groups.

3.5.4.2: Junior students may also qualify to compete in TAS competition provided:

3.5.4.2.1: They do not play the same sport in both competitions (TAS and Junior TAS) in the same year and; The TAS Levy has been paid for their involvement.

3.5.5: VENUES/MATCH TIMES

3.5.5.1: Wherever possible, Junior TAS matches shall be programmed to occur at the same venue as TAS matches.

3.5.5.2: When both TAS and Junior TAS teams are at Home together, Junior TAS matches shall be timetabled around TAS times as designated in the Association Manual.

3.5.6: ORGANISATION

3.5.6.1: All matters relating to Junior TAS competition shall be organised by the TAS Executive Officer who shall be appointed by the TAS Management Committee at their discretion.

- 3.5.6.2: Each school participating in Junior TAS sports and activities shall nominate a Delegate to assist the Executive Officer in the organisation and conduct of matches and Carnivals.
- 3.5.6.3: Delegates so nominated shall attend all required meetings when so called. If meetings are combined with TAS Sports Coordinator Sub-Committee meetings, they shall be chaired by the Association President or his/her appointee. If separate TAS Delegates and Junior TAS meetings are conducted, the Executive Officer shall act as Chairman.

3.6 *By-Law Anomalies and Disputes*

- 3.6.1:** All Directors of Sport will either make contact themselves or ensure that their particular sport coordinators make contact with the opposing school's coordinator whenever there is an anomaly to their team make up or procedures. This contact must take place prior to the match taking place.
 - 3.6.1.1: Schools must adhere to the By-Laws set down by the Association.
 - 3.6.1.2: Whenever anomalies to the By-Laws occur, particularly with regard to team selection, contact with the opposing coordinators must occur prior to matches taking place.
 - 3.6.1.3: Failure to make contact prior to matches taking place may result in forfeiture of competition points.

3.7 *Process for Dealing with Protests and Disputes*

- 3.7.1:** Where school Principals or Directors of Sport feel that an opposing school has breached the Association Constitution, Policies or By-Laws, the guidelines from policy #3 (Protests and Disputes) in the Associated Schools Policy Manual should be followed.
- 3.7.2:** When a protest is submitted to the Association's Management Committee for deliberation, the committee will look to see if any verification of the facts exists.
 - 3.7.2.1:** Verification of facts should exist in written form via notation on the team sheets concerned with verifying signatures of opposing coaches/directors of sport.
 - 3.7.2.2:** Should verification exist via a team sheet with written notification and it shows one school has played outside the By-Laws that school will forfeit points.
 - 3.7.2.3:** Should verification of the facts exist via a team sheet with written and signed notification to state that teams agreed with the anomaly of the By-Laws the result of the fixture will stand.
 - 3.7.2.4:** Should no verification exist the protest may be reviewed by the Association Management Committee as outlined in Policy #3.

3.8 *Finals*

- 3.8.1:** When Finals are scheduled in the draw, all teams of all schools involved in TAS competition will accrue points during the season to determine their position on

the premiership ladder. At the end of each season, where the Association deems it appropriate, these teams will pair off and play each other for the right to occupy the higher position on the ladder of the two competing teams.

- 3.8.1.1: When finals are organised by the Association they will be played by all teams in a competition.
- 3.8.1.2: Finals will be played according to where teams finished the regular season on the ladder. ie: 1st v 2nd, 3rd v 4th, 5th v 6th, 7th v 8th.
- 3.8.1.3: Finals are played with a view to determine the final positions on the ladder.
- 3.8.1.4: Teams playing the 3rd v 4th final are playing off to determine which of them would finish 3rd.
- 3.8.1.5: Teams that win their final will earn the right to occupy the higher ladder position regardless of the number of wins and losses the two teams have during the regular season.
- 3.8.1.6: The Association via the Sports Coordinators' Sub-Committee and the General Committee will decide upon the method of hosting Finals games.

3.8.2: LADDER POSITIONS - FINALS

- 3.8.2.1: Teams will be placed on the ladder according to the number of games won, lost or drawn as is normal for each sport.
- 3.8.2.2: In situations where points are level, schools will be separated by the following means.
- 3.8.2.3: The team that won the regular season encounter between the two schools will be placed above the other team on level points.
- 3.8.2.4: Should there be no result in the fixture between the two schools, they shall be separated using the points differential between the two tied teams and their matches against the teams ranked immediately above and below the position of the tie.

or if there are more than two schools on even points and option (C) does not separate the teams, teams will then be separated onto positions on the ladder with the use of points differential, using the difference between the tied teams; that is, using the points scored for and against each team in the matches involving the tied teams only.

- 3.8.2.5: In Cricket we use Net Run Rate to determine the positions of tied teams.
- 3.8.2.6: When final Cricket points produce inequalities in results, with a second or third placed team producing the same -or less - 'losses' in the season than the leading team – ***through a greater number of washouts*** - the points scored from the games actually played shall be divided by the number of games played to ascertain the winner of the Premiership. This shall be the team with the higher resulting average.

3.8.2 (a): LADDER POSITIONS - NO FINALS

- 3.8.2 (a).1: Teams will be placed on the ladder according to the number of games won, lost or drawn as is normal for each sport.
- 3.8.2 (a).1: In all cases where teams stand on the same points, they will be awarded the position that corresponds to the highest position of the tied schools.
i.e: Two schools finish on 10 points and occupy 3rd and 4th on the ladder. Both schools will be awarded 3rd place points for champion school.
or Three schools finish on 14 points in 2st, 2nd and 3rd position on the ladder. All three teams will be granted Co-Premier status.

3.8.3: FORFEITED GAMES

- 3.8.3.1: All games forfeited will result in the non offending team occupying the higher position on the ladder of the two teams competing.

3.8.4: TIED and WASHED OUT GAMES

- 3.8.4.1: In the event of a 1st v 2nd final being washed out or tied, the premiership will be awarded to the school that finished with a higher number of points on the ladder.
- 3.8.4.2: If the two teams playing off for the premiership both finished on the same number of points on the ladder and the Final ends in a drawn match, the two teams will share a Premiership.
- 3.8.4.3: In the event of any finals match other than 1st v 2nd being washed out or drawn at the end of the game, the school that occupied the higher position on the ladder will maintain that position.

3.8.5: UMPIRING and REFEREES

- 3.8.5.1: In all Finals matches between 1st and 2nd teams neutral umpires and referees should be sought where possible.
- 3.8.5.2: Where schools are sharing venues and providing umpires, those umpires should be used to officiate games not involving the school from which they have come.

3.9 Results

3.9.1: The Director of Sport (Sports Coordinator) of each school is responsible for passing on weekend sports results to the Executive Officer for publication. This should be achieved according to the guidelines below.

- 3.9.1.1: Except in the case of finals, the "Home" school is defined as the school hosting the games, which may be on home grounds or at another venue.
- 3.9.1.2: The "Home" school is responsible for notifying the Executive Officer of results after each round of fixtures.
- 3.9.1.3: For all sports, results are to be telephoned or emailed to the Executive Officer - by no later than 5:15 p.m. on the day of the match in Trimester 1, and no later than 2.00 pm in Trimesters 2 and 3.

- 3.9.1.4: Where finals take place on a “Home” and “Away” basis, the above guidelines apply. Where finals are at a Central Venue, the Executive Officer will liaise with relevant Sports Coordinators to ensure results are reported.

3.10 Forfeits

- 3.10.1:** Defaulting teams will forfeit the rights to any points on offer for that round of competition. Non-defaulting teams will also be eligible for bonus points according to the guidelines below.
- 3.10.1.1: In the case of a forfeit in any grade, the non-defaulting team shall receive the maximum number of points that can be gained in the competition.
- 3.10.1.2: When schools forfeit a game, the non defaulting school shall receive maximum points available in that competition. Points should also be scored for the school’s for and against rating. Therefore the following will be used as a guide for allocating points for and against when teams have forfeited.
- 3.10.1.3: In the event that a school does not have a team and therefore the game is not played by ANY other schools, no points are allocated to the for and against columns on the ladder.
- 3.10.1.4: In the event of a team starting the competition and forfeiting a game or more than one game after the competition begins, points shall be added to the ladder’s for and against columns in the following manner.
- 3.10.1.4.1: Volleyball can assume a victory by 3 sets to nil in all grades.
 - 3.10.1.4.2: Basketball can assume a victory by 30-0.
 - 3.10.1.4.3: Tennis can assume a 6-36 - 0-0 victory.
 - 3.10.1.4.4: Rugby can assume a 28-0 victory with no bonus points.
 - 3.10.1.4.5: Netball can assume a 12 nil victory.
 - 3.10.1.4.6: Hockey can assume a victory of 4-0.
 - 3.10.1.4.7: Soccer can assume a victory of 4-0.
 - 3.10.1.4.8: Touch can assume a victory of 4-0.
 - 3.10.1.4.9: Cricket can assume a Net Run Rate of zero for their team and zero against their team.

3.11 Byes

- 3.11.1:** Whenever a school’s teams encounter a bye within TAS competition, points will not be allocated to the Premiership tables.

3.12 Heat and First Aid

- 3.12.1:** All TAS schools will provide adequate First Aid and adhere to the “Heat” requirements outlined in the following guidelines.
- 3.12.1.1: Home schools shall provide a minimum of two Sports Medicine personnel for Soccer and Rugby matches so that there is at least one medic available per field.

- 3.12.1.2: Home schools shall provide a minimum of one First Aid officer, complete with ice and medical kit, for all other TAS team sports.
- 3.12.1.3: When matches are played away from school venues, it is the responsibility of individual schools to ensure that a qualified First Aid person is in attendance.
- 3.12.1.4: In Home matches, schools should ensure that all medical personnel are clearly visible to participants and coaches, by means of a large sign indicating "First Aid Post" or by wearing coloured bibs.
- 3.12.1.5: When competition is to be played in extreme heat, it is recommended that the Home school supply ample drinking water and, where practical, sun shelter for both teams.

3.13 *Late Starts to Matches*

- 3.13.1:** All teams from all schools will present ready for play within 15 minutes of the their appointed game time unless an alternative agreement can be or has been reached by the opposing Sports Coordinators/Heads of School.
 - 3.13.1.1: Teams should be ready to play at the appointed time.
 - 3.13.1.2: Teams will present for play if they have the minimum number of players to constitute a team as set down in the Association By-Laws.
 - 3.13.1.3: If unable to begin play after 15 minutes from the appointed start time, teams will forfeit the points for that competition match unless exceptional circumstances exist.
 - 3.13.1.4: Exceptional circumstances include but are not limited to...
 - 3.13.1.4.1: School bus accident traveling to the fixture.
 - 3.13.1.4.2: Car accident impacting on players of the team while traveling to fixture.
 - 3.13.1.4.3: Unfavourable traffic conditions when traveling to distant away venues. This refers to traffic jams where several players are unable to make the venue in time for the allocated start of the match. It does not include situations where players have travelled to an incorrect venue or have assumed an incorrect starting time for their game.
 - 3.13.1.4.4: Agreements made between competing Sports Coordinators.
 - 3.13.1.5: In all cases where exceptional circumstances are believed to exist there must be a discussion between sports coordinators to determine the agreed upon course of action.

3.14 Wet Weather

3.14.1: All schools involved in TAS competition will play matches as set out by The Association. In instances where this is not possible due to wet weather, the following guidelines should be followed.

3.14.1.1: Matches washed out or abandoned during play will have points awarded according to the By-Laws of that sport.

3.14.1.2: In circumstances where a washed out match occurs prior to the match time, both teams will be awarded half points.

3.14.1.3: If more than half the total matches available in a season in any grade are not completed due to poor weather conditions, no Premiership shall be awarded in that grade.

3.15 Rescheduling Matches

3.15.1: All games must be played at the designated time and date of the draw.

3.15.2: Timing of games may be modified by mutual agreement. If schools cannot agree timing will be as stated in the By-Laws.

11) Rugby

11.1) Safety Aspects

Safety rules and procedures are important because of the degree of body contact in Rugby Union. The nature of the activities makes it unsuitable for very young students. Rules for the game of Walla Rugby and other approved modified forms of the game should be used for the specific age-groups.

1.1 Nature of hazards

As part of the process of safety self-regulation, all persons engaging in this activity should identify the hazards, assess their significance and manage the potential risks including any additional hazards not mentioned here

Hazards that may be encountered in rugby union include:

- equipment (e.g. goal posts, corner posts)
- body contact

1.2 Level of risk

Participation in rugby union involves high risk (level 3).

1.3 Minimum supervision

1.3.1 If an adult other than a registered teacher is engaged for instruction, a registered teacher should be present to take overall responsibility.

1.3.2 Minimum First Aid requirements; Senior First Aid (Level 2 with spinal training) (e.g. QAS, St. John's Ambulance) or the equivalent.

1.3.3 During competition, the qualified first aid officer/sports trainer should be located in an accessible position to the field(s) of play to provide immediate first aid assistance.

1.3.4 There must be phone access to call an ambulance if required.

1.4 Qualifications

The leader should be:

- a registered teacher with competence (demonstrated ability to undertake the activity through acquisition of Smart Rugby competence) in the teaching of Rugby Union
- an adult who has Smart Rugby coaching qualifications from the Australian Rugby Football Union

Competition games should be controlled by competent coaches and officials who are Smart Rugby compliant.

A referee who is currently a student of a participating school should not be appointed to referee a game in which his/her school is playing, unless there is agreement by officials of both teams for that to occur.

In competition games, where touch judges are not provided by the Referees' Association, each school should endeavour to provide a competent touch judge (such as an older student or parent).

1.5 Minimum equipment

A first aid kit should be available at all venues where lessons and competitions are conducted.

1.6 Hazard reduction

- The teacher should introduce the activity comprehensively and include:
 - appropriate warm-up and warm-down activities
 - instruction in rules, safety procedures and prerequisite skills
 - progressive and sequential skill development
 - a structured training and coaching program and selection criteria for teams (training should be specific to player position)
 - modified games that match the skill and fitness levels of students, e.g. walla rugby.
- Students should have progressed through the skills and knowledge areas associated with the modified games before participating at a level governed by the full laws of the game.
- Teachers should select students on the basis of ability and suitability for the position/s they are to play (for example, students with long thin necks should not play in the front or second rows of the scrum).
- The playing area should be level, grassed and free from obstacles and loose objects.
- A minimum space of five metres should surround each field and be roped off free from spectators.
- Unless participating in the game or directly supporting participants (Trainer, 1st Aid and coach/manager at half time) no one is permitted on the field of play.
- Player equipment, including footwear, headgear and shin pads, should comply with age standard levels appropriate to the laws of the game.
- Correctly fitted mouthguards should be worn for playing and practising.
- When playing on a field, if one or more students are wearing footwear, all students should have footwear. All boots should be made of safe materials, provide protection for the feet and have non-slip soles.

- Boots should be inspected before each match. Boots with loose, sharp-edged or excessively worn studs and sharp-edged soles should not be worn.
- All goal posts should be padded.
- Corner flags and other markers should be made of non-injurious material.
- Teachers and coaches/staff should select students on the basis of ability and suitability for the position/s they are to play.
- Teachers and coaches/staff should identify students who may be suffering an existing injury. If there is reason to believe that a student is injured, the teacher should seek first aid treatment.
- The Associated Schools mandates a three week period from a concussion taking place until the player may play again. (This means the player will miss three weeks of competition.)
- Open cuts and abrasions should be treated immediately. If bleeding cannot be controlled completely, the player should not be allowed to return to the field of play. All clothing, equipment and surfaces contaminated by blood should be treated as potentially infectious.
- Students should not return to playing after injury until it is clear that the injury has been managed. If there is any doubt, the student should not play until medically cleared.

11.2) TAS Rugby By-Laws

1. GRADES

1.1 Grades catered for in both Divisions shall be:

First XV & Second XV, Year 10, Year 9, Year 8 & Year 7.

1.2 In accordance with Australian Rugby Union Directions, a “two-year-window” exists for Rugby players in all grades of competition under the following formula:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Accepted Age</u>	<u>Eligible Playing Ages</u>	<u>Year of Birth for 2016</u>
Year 7	Under 13	12 & 13 years	2004-2003
Year 8	Under 14	13 & 14 years	2003-2002
Year 9	Under 15	14 & 15 years	2002-2001
Year 10	Under 16	15 & 16 years	2001-2000
Open	Under 18	16, 17 & 18 years	2000, '99, '98

(16yr olds must have a 2 year window exemption to play in either of our Open competitions)

Note: All ages as at 23.59pm on December 31st in the year of competition.

- 1.3 Schools requiring younger players than the above formula, must provide the Executive Officer with completed Disclosure Forms, signed by a Level 2 Coach, the student’s Parent or Guardian, and the school Rugby Coordinator **before the player takes the field.**
- 1.4 “All players turning 16 years of age in the year of competition must have a two-year window consent form completed and signed by the relevant College’s Rugby coaching director (must be a level 2 coach) if they wish to compete in Open grade competition.
- 1.6 This form must also be signed by the player’s parents/guardians and then sent to the competition manager (Executive Officer) for a countersigning.

1.6 The Australian Rugby Union require these forms to be completed prior to any student being allowed to play in a match where they may play against players outside their allowed two year window as outlined in the appendix noted in the Association Policy manual.”

2. *MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS*

- 2.1 A minimum of twelve (12) players is required to constitute a team. A school having less than twelve players by fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled start time shall forfeit the match, notwithstanding the guidelines outlined in By-Law 3.13, “Late Starts”.
- 2.2 Should player numbers fall below twelve (12) after a match has commenced, the match shall continue.
- 2.3 When teams in the small cohort (year 9 in 2016 and year 10 in 2017) cannot play with full team numbers, opposition teams must match numbers to the school with the fewer numbers.
- 2.4 In situations where a team does not have the players available to contest a scrum notice of this should be made to the opposing school as soon as possible.

3. *GROUNDS*

3.1 VENUE FOR GAMES

All competition games shall be played at the grounds of the home school.

3.2 SPECTATOR CONTROL

Sufficient provision shall be made in all grades to keep spectators at a safe distance from the touch-line or outside enclosed grounds. (5m minimum is recommended)

Schools should provide a designated player/official area.

3.3 PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT

The following equipment shall be provided in all games:

- * kicking tee for conversions/penalties
- * pads on goal posts
- * ice
- refer to safety aspects for minimum first aid requirements

3.4 GROUND / TEAM OFFICIALS

All officials will be required to wear coloured vests to indicate the role being undertaken.

TOUCH JUDGES	Pale Blue
TEAM TRAINERS/WATER RUNNERS	Yellow
TEAM MANAGERS	Maroon
GROUND OFFICIAL	Orange

4. *DURATION OF GAMES*

4.1 There shall be two periods of play of the following duration:

First XV	=	35 minutes
All other Grades	=	25 minutes

There shall be a half time interval of five (5) minutes in all games.

4.2 Injury Time

Injury time shall **not be allowed** in any grade.

5. **STARTING TIMES**

5.1 The following starting times shall apply:

TIME	FIELD 1	TIME	FIELD 2
9.00 am	YEAR 10	8.00 am	YEAR 7
10.00 am	2 ND XV	9.00 am	YEAR 8
11.15 am	1 ST XV	10.00 am	YEAR 9

5.2 Variations to the above times may be decided by mutual agreement, however it is the responsibility of the "Home" school to advise official referees in any matches to be controlled by QRRA officials.

5.3 In all games at a particular venue, the lower grade teams shall commence their games before, or at the same time as, higher-grade teams of the same grade/age group.

6. **COMPETITION POINTS**

Win	=	4 points
Draw	=	2 points
Washout	=	2 points
A loss by 7 or less	=	1 point
scoring four tries	=	1 point
Bye	=	0 points

7. **SELECTION OF TEAMS**

7.1 Schools shall select fully the players of all higher grade teams before selecting those of lower grade teams, whether the higher grades are engaged or not.

7.2 No student shall play in more than one team in the same round unless he replaces an injured or absent player in a higher age or grade, subject to By-Law 3.4 specifically, by-laws 3.4.1.5 and 3.4.1.6. Strategic replacements may be made in 1sts Rugby, provided By-Law 3.4 is not contravened.

REPLACEMENTS

7.3 **INJURED PLAYERS**

Injured players in all games may be replaced at any time during a game. They may not return to the field in any grade on that day. Replacements must not exceed the ninety (90) minutes maximum playing time for all players on any one day.

Note: IRB rules state that "A player who has suffered definite cerebral concussion and loss of consciousness should not participate in any match or training session for a period of at least three weeks from the time of the injury, and only subject to being cleared by proper neurological examination."

Note: If a head knock occurs during training, it is the school's responsibility to ensure students take no further part in training once a head knock has been sustained, even if a concussion has not yet been diagnosed.

7.4 **SUBSTITUTIONS**

Years 7, 8 and 9 shall be permitted unlimited substitutions from maximum squads of 23 players.

Year 10 and 1sts and 2nds shall be permitted 12 substitutions in total.

The 12 total substitutions should be in keeping with the substitution policy of the Brisbane Junior Rugby Union for teams of 15 years or older.

Total playing time for **any one team** shall not exceed 90 minutes on any one day.

8. WEATHER

- 1.1. A washout may occur at any time the referee deems the field to be unsafe. Consultation between coaches / coordinators from both schools may assist referees with this call. Should the field be questioned as playable or unplayable, and the referees not agree, the 'existing state of affairs' will exist.
 - 1.1.1. **Existing state of affairs:** This phrase is used in competition rules to clarify situations in which a difference of opinion concerns the progress of the match.
 - 1.1.2. If a match has not started and the Umpires/Coaches do not agree, then the match does not start.
 - 1.1.3. If a match is in progress, and if agreement cannot be reached, then the match is to continue.
- 1.2. If a wash out occurs prior to half time, the points will be shared between both teams.
- 1.3. If a wash out occurs at any point at half time or later the leading team will be declared the winner.
- 1.4. In keeping with TAS policy there will be no rescheduled matches for wet weather.
- 1.5. Any bonus points already accrued will stand.

9. BALLS

Each team shall provide one size 5 match ball

A high quality standard of ball should be used for all matches regardless of age.

10. LAW MODIFICATIONS

The Laws of Rugby apply to all year levels.

11. REFEREES

11.1 QRRR REFEREES

QRRR officials shall be asked to control all grades of matches in both Divisions.

11.2 REFEREES NOT TURNING UP

Where the appointed referee does not turn up within 15 minutes of the agreed starting time of the game (including Q.R.R.A. referees), or where Q.R.R.A. referees are unavailable, the home team shall have the right to provide a qualified referee. If such a referee is not available through the home school, the visiting team shall have the right to provide a qualified referee, PROVIDED THAT:

- i. In no game shall the coach of either team be the referee unless the opposing team agrees;
- ii. No student, unless he/she is suitably qualified, and unless no other qualified adult is available, shall be appointed to referee a TAS competition game where the players are less than 2 years younger than the appointed referee.

12. TOUCH JUDGES AND BALLBOYS

12.1 TOUCH JUDGES

Q.R.R.A. officials **may** be appointed to act as linesmen for First XV matches.

For every other grade, each school shall supply one linesman who shall be correctly dressed and carry at least one flag. School or other unqualified linesmen shall only officiate on ball in-and-out of play situations.

12.2 BALLBOYS

Each school shall provide one correctly dressed ball boy for the First XV game.

13. PLAYERS DRESS

13.1 The dress (jersey and socks) of each player in all grades shall conform to colours of his school. All players in each team should wear shorts and socks of a uniform colour.

13.2 When a TAS representative team is selected, those players chosen to represent the Association shall be presented with a jersey in the Association's colours (viz: sky blue with red cuffs, red monogram, white collar, red numbers) and shall wear white football shorts, socks of the school they represent and black football boots. When a second representative team is chosen, reverse coloured jerseys shall be worn.

14. MISCONDUCT

14.1 TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

As per Law 26 1991 variations, a player may be temporarily suspended at the discretion of the referee. In TAS competition, the normal area for this is behind the defending goal posts; however, if at the discretion of the home team's Director of Sport the area on a particular field is deemed unsuitable, then the home school has the right to establish an alternative area for this purpose. It is the responsibility of the home team's Director of Sport to inform visiting referees and coaches of these alternative arrangements should they exist.

14.2 DISMISSAL

In the case of the player being sent from the field, the referee shall be requested to communicate in writing to the Principal of the school concerned. TAS policy is for any player sent from the field to miss at least one competition round. (A BYE is not considered missing a competition round.)

Note: This applies equally to Junior TAS matches.

15. HOSPITALITY

15.1 The provision of match-day hospitality is expected for all 1st XV teams. The host school will provide the hospitality in a manner they deem appropriate.

15.2 When hospitality is to be provided, the visiting school is to be notified in the weeks prior to the event, of the form the function will take.

16. DRAW CONSIDERATIONS

16.1 With TAS no longer providing a representative team for Queensland Schoolboy trials, and students now required to trial through their 'Region', it is probable that clashes with the Association's Draw will occur.

- 16.2 In these instances, refer to By-Law 3.15 regarding the rescheduling of matches from the date of the trials.

11.3) Junior TAS Rugby (Years 4, 5 & 6)

1. *Starting Times*

- 1.1 Starting times for matches should be determined by the host school
 1.2 The host school is responsible for giving the opposing school sufficient notice regarding time and venue

2. *Timing of Games*

- 2.1 All matches are to be played in two 20 minutes halves with a five minute break between the halves
 2.2 Injury time does not apply to matches

3. *Balls*

- 3.1 The home team is responsible for supplying a suitable, regulation size ball for each match:
 Year 4 & 5 (Mini): size 3
 Year 6 (Midi): size 4

4. *Premiership*

No premiership points are kept. Students are playing for the enjoyment of the game, to improve their skills and sense of sportsmanship

5. *Teams*

- 5.1 The number of players for teams are as follows:
 Year 4 & 5: 10 players (Five backs and five forwards)
 Year 6: 12 players (Six forwards and six backs)
 5.2 The scrum formations are as follows:
 Years 4 & 5: 3 – 2
 Year 6: 3 – 2 - 1
 5.3 There are unlimited substitutions at this level. Substitutions should be made at breaks in play. These being scrums, lineouts or tries - not at penalties nor during the run of play.
 5.4 Students may play in year levels provided their chronological age does not exceed the ages listed here.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Accepted Age</u>	<u>Eligible Playing Ages</u>	<u>Year of Birth for 2016</u>
Year 4	Under 10	9 & 10 years	2007-2006
Year 5	Under 11	10 & 11 years	2006-2005
Year 6	Under 12	11 & 12 years	2005-2004

6. *Dress*

- 6.1 All players are to wear their school rugby uniform
 6.2 Mouthguards are required by all players. No mouthguard, no game
 6.3 Rugby boots are to be worn by all players
 6.3.1 Boots with metal studs are acceptable. Studs will not exceed 18mm

6.3.2 Boots with plastics studs must be filed back if burred. This is the responsibility of coaches and referees to monitor

7. Referees

7.1 All schools must ensure that at least two people from each school (or representative of the school) are Smart Rugby qualified Level 1 referees (minimum). Details of course dates can be obtained from the Queensland Rugby Union website www.qru.com.au

7.2 Coaches must ensure that the relevant safety procedures are discussed prior to the match with the referee and players ("Mayday" call, scrum engagement sequence)

7.3 Host schools are responsible for the appointment of a qualified referee.

7.4 The referee is the sole judge of time and score.

7.5 *The current laws can be found at the following website:*

<http://www.brisbanejuniors.rugby.net.com.au/default.asp?id=4939>

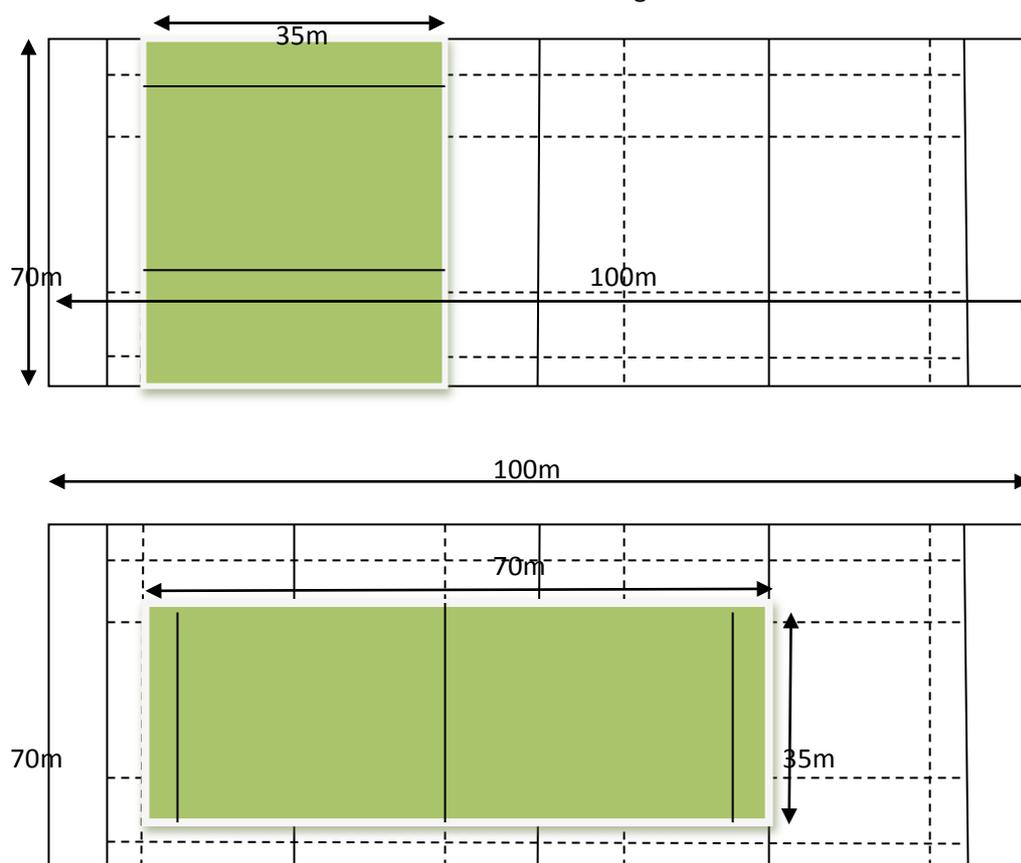
Here you will be able to access laws for Mini (Year 4 and 5) and Midi (Year 6)

7.6 In the event the assigned referee is not present/available, the two coaches are to reach a decision as to who will referee that match.

8. Field

8.1 All matches for Years 4, 5 & 6 are played on modified fields as per ARU guidelines. The field sizes are as follows:

8.1.1 Year 4 & 5: Mini Rugby Field. That is 35m wide and 70m in length including in-goals. A Mini Rugby Field can be marked **across** a full sized field or from 5m line to 22m line as shown. It is important to realise that not all of our fields are the full size, so please check your markings and ensure our year 4s are playing on a field 35m wide and 70m long.



8.1.2 Year 6: Full field with the touch lines being the 5m lines

8.2 Fields are to be clearly marked including goal post protectors. Modified fields are to be marked using collapsible markers

8.3 A ground is unfit for play when it is too wet to grip the surface safely. The decision concerning the state of the ground is the responsibility of the host school. This decision should be conveyed to the Director of Sport of the opposing school by no later than 6:30am on the day of play

8.4 GROUND / TEAM OFFICIALS

All officials will be required to wear coloured vests to indicate the role being undertaken.

TOUCH JUDGES Pale Blue

TEAM TRAINERS/WATER RUNNERS Yellow

TEAM MANAGERS Maroon/Red

GROUND OFFICIAL Orange

9. *Conversions of tries for Year 4 & 5*

Conversions for tries are to be taken in front of posts, 10 metres out.

10. *First Aid*

10.1 The host school is responsible to ensure a qualified level 2 First Aid trainer or equivalent is present for all matches. This individual must be suitably equipped with relevant materials including ice

10.2 Any player who sustains a bleeding wound will be sent from the field of play and will not be permitted to return until the bleeding has ceased and the wound covered. Any blood on the player's uniform must be completely removed or uniform replaced

10.3 Any student that sustains a knock to the head should not continue to take part in training activities until he has been seen by a medical professional. Further, if a concussion is diagnosed, that student should take no part in training or matches for three weeks from the date of the concussion being sustained.

NOTE: Much of the information in this document has been sourced from Australian Rugby Union guidelines Kids' Pathway Laws. Unless specified in this document, Junior TAS Laws for year 4 are equivalent to Under 9. And Laws for year 5 and 6 are equivalent to under 10 and 11. These laws can be found on the ARU website at...

<http://www.rugby.com.au/Portals/22/2015%20Laws/ARU%20Kids%20Rugby%20Laws%202015.pdf>